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AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: COUNTRY MUSIC USA

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1. AS DISCUSSED WITH KUEGEMAN DURING ADVANCE VISIT, EMBASSY ATTEMPTING ARRANGE FOLLOWING OFF-STAGE ACTIVITIES.
2. ONE-HOUR CASUAL PROGRAMS AT MOSCOW BRANCH OF USSR COMPOSERS UNION, MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY, AND POSSIBLY SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS IN LENINGRAD AND OTHER CITIES. DESIRE ONE OR TWO GROUP MEMBERS TO TALK INFORMALLY ABOUT DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY MUSIC AND ITS CURRENT TRENDS, ILLUSTRATED BY SONGS AND INSTRUMENTAL PIECES BY A FEW SELECTED SHOW MEMBERS.
3. INFORMAL LUCHEON IN EMBASSY APARTMENT, PROBABLY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, FOR REPRESENTATIVE SHOW MEMBERS TO MEET PRESS, MUSIC WRITERS AND MUSICOLOGISTS. PROPOSE TO MAKE CONTACTS EARLY IN WEEK WHICH EXPECTED TO STIMULATE ARTICLES, RADIO COVERAGE, AND OTHER MUSIC AND SOCIAL FOLLOW-UP. SINCE APARTMENT SIZE LIMITED WOULD HOPE HAVE 15-20 SHOW MEMBERS TO DISCUSS COUNTRY MUSIC. WILL PROVIDE HOSPITALITY FOR OTHERS ELSEWHERE. (IN ADDITION SPASO RECEPTION).

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4. CONGEN LENINGRAD SUBJECT FINAL APPROVAL NEW CONSUL GENERAL,

PLANS LUNCHTIME RECEPTION OCTOBER 4 (REFTEL, PARA 5).

5. AS EXPLAINED TO KUEGEMAN IN JULY, THESE ACTIVITIES CONSIDERED BY EMBASSY HIGHLY DESIRABLE AND HAVE PROVEN IN PAST GREATLY TO INCREASE IMPACT OF TOUR. REQUEST DEPT. CABLE BIODATA ON INDIVIDUALS WILLING PARTICIPATE IN THESE INFORMAL ACTIVITIES (BESIDES THE TWO LARGE RECEPTIONS TO WHICH ALL ARE INVITED) AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TOPICS TO WHICH THEY WILLING ADDRESS THEMSELVES. WOULD APPRECIATE PRIORITY ANSWER.

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